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The proposed settlement in the Microsoft Antitrust case, if implemented, would be an outrage. Microsoft has consistently shown contempt for the law by acting as if they are not bound by any settlements. Furthermore, the settlement would not punish Microsoft for illegal behavior they have been found guilty of, nor would it prevent any future anti-competitive actions by Microsoft.

A reasonable settlement would include the following at the minimum:

1. A fine of no less than one billion dollars, CASH, no donations to public schools in obsolete hardware and Microsoft software, which would only further Microsoft's monopoly.
2. Break Microsoft into two companies, separating the operating system portion from all other software divisions. Internet access
3. software such as "Internet Explorer" should never be considered part of the operating system.
4. Require Microsoft to make the operating system API publicly available in full.
5. Disallow the non-OS divisions of Microsoft from using hidden/non-public API features.
6. Disallow exclusive OS contracts with retailers and OEMs. This was attempted before, but was ignored by Microsoft.
7. Require Microsoft to implement uniform licensing fees and to the pricing system public (to prevent further abuses of point 6).

Thank you for listening.

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